

GRAND JURY HOLDS LOONEY AND COX FOR STEALING; ORTELL FOR SWINDLING

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MAY INVOKE PENAL CODE IN CAMPAIGN ON KU KLUX

Government Seeks Precedent for Prosecution of Klan.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.
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Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—The department of justice is under consideration of the Ku Klux Klan for alleged violations of the federal penal code in a campaign of intimidation at the department of justice. The letter of Senator David Walsh of Massachusetts, Democrat, has had the effect of prompting a search for precedents. President Harding is on record against the activities of secret organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan and there is no question about the administration's hostility to the movement as practiced. The only question is as to the power of the federal government to cope with the matter.

Irrespective of the decision reached by the administration, enough has happened already to indicate that no more embarrassing question has been injected in American politics than that of the Ku Klux Klan. Politicians of both parties agree that ultimately it will have far reaching consequences on party alignments in different parts of the country. Broadly speaking, the Democratic party is picked to suffer most from the issue. The Ku Klux Klan is strongest in the south where the movement aims to a large extent at the suppression of the negro's rights toward social and political equality. While it is true the Democratic party in the south is divided on the question, the chances are the strongest support for the Ku Klux will continue to come from the south. The northern Democrats, on the other hand, will be confronted with the problem of aligning themselves for or against the Ku Klux Klan and men like Senator Walsh and others who have constituencies composed largely of Catholics will be found fighting their Democratic brethren from the south.

A split in the Democratic party between the north and south would be costly to the Democrats at a time when they are bending every nerve to consolidate their strength. The Republican party on the other hand, which has always been friendly to the colored voters, especially since the Civil war and is at present trying to push through congress an anti-lynch bill, will be the natural beneficiary of the Ku Klux issue. The Republican administration happens to be in power and questionably before many weeks have passed will take a definite stand against the secret order. While many Republicans in northern states have joined the Klan because

RECORD FLIGHT BY PONY BLIMP

Travels 450 miles from Scott Field, Belleville, Ill., to Bryan, Ala., in 10 hours.

Belleville, Ill., Nov. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—A record American flight for a pony blimp was made yesterday when the pony blimp of Scott Field, the government lighter than air station, near here, traveled 450 miles from the field to Bryan, Ala., in 10 hours, army officers announced today.

The blimp is the only one of its kind in the army, and its normal flight distance is 150 miles, it was explained. Three men were aboard.

"TIGER" TELLS SECRET OF LONG LIFE; IT'S EGGS

Chicago, Nov. 28.—George Clemenceau's secret of longevity, with a retention of vitality and endurance that would tax the endurance of a man half his 81 years, is eggs. He ate eight of them, soft-boiled, for his supper last night. When retiring he asked for five more soft-boiled eggs for breakfast at 5:30 this morning. "I am not so very tired," he said, "but I have to keep to my schedule, to bed at 8 p. m. and up at 8 a. m. I go to bed and sleep with the chickens. That is why my eggs form my principal food."

WARNS NATION NOT TO FORGET WAR'S LESSON

Pershing Stresses the Need of Preparedness.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 28.—An appeal to the nation to "look cold, hard facts in the face and not forget our obligations in the blind hope that we may not again engage in armed conflict," marked an address here today by General Pershing.

"If we knew now to a certainty that armed conflict would come in 20 years, there would be an immediate demand for preparations," he said. "Yet that is the approximate interval that we have had in the past between major wars. There is no reason to think that the immediate future will bring about a cessation of war."

General Pershing devoted most of his address to discussing the value of military training as a school of good citizenship, referring in this connection to the findings of the recent educational conference in Washington, which he said, were that the training given in reserve elements of the army and at civilian training camps "constitute an effective machinery through which much can be done not only to benefit the individual from the standpoint of his physique and self-discipline, but from the standpoint of his relations to the government that protects him and which he is under obligations to defend."

The chief of staff stressed again draft statistics that show 50 per cent of the young men called out during the war to have been physically sub-normal, largely due to defects curable by proper training, and that one-fourth of the persons examined were "unable to read and write our common language, and that more than 10 per cent could not even successfully speak English."

PROBE TUNNEL LIQUOR STEAL

New Development Looked for in Case of Theft of 2,000 Gallons of Whisky at Peoria.

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 28.—Fresh developments in the federal investigation of the "tunnel robbery," in which at least 2,000 gallons of bonded whisky was stolen from the Woolner distillery recently, are expected today with the arrival of Palmer Anderson, chief field agent, and E. M. Marcy, deputy field agent of the internal revenue collectors' office, Chicago, who began an inspection of the scene of the robbery.

The two men were asked to come here by G. W. Greves, field agent, to give their opinions on several leads which he has been following to apprehend the looters of the distillery and make plans for protection against a repetition of the robbery.

HOLDS UP MERGER

Washington, Nov. 28.—Secretary Wallace withheld consent to proposed merger of Morris and Armour packing companies.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight. Wednesday increasing cloudiness. Warmer. Highest temperature yesterday, 34; lowest, last night, 27. Wind velocity at 7 a. m., calm. Precipitation last 24 hours, .05 inch.

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ANDREW HAMRICK, Meteorologist.

CHICAGO TALK OF CLEMENCEAU IS TO BE PACIFIC

Aged War Hero to Sound Note of Peace.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Fresh from a night's rest in the Potter Palmer mansion on Lake Shore drive, where the roar of Lake Michigan must have tinged his dreams with visions of his cottage by the sea in France, Georges Clemenceau was up before dawn today.

The aged war premier confided that his Chicago address, scheduled for 4 o'clock this afternoon, in the Auditorium, was to be a "message of peace."

It was said it would be a wholly different address from those delivered in New York and Boston, which roused Democratic and Republican senators alike to attack him, and drew a formal statement from the British embassy at Washington.

But whether it would be more pacific, nobody but the Tiger could say—and he wouldn't say.

To his advisors in New York, and to dozens of friends, who have wired him, urging that he tone down his remarks so they would not offend, Clemenceau has replied that he did not come to America to be "expedient," and that he must be left to deliver his message in his own way.

HEARING ASKED FOR MRS. HALL

Widow of Slain Pastor Desired in Black to Tell Her Story to Grand Jurymen.

Somerville, N. J., Nov. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mrs. Frances Stevens Noel Hall, widow of Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, who was slain on Sept. 14, with his choir leader, Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, appeared today at the country court house where a grand jury is considering the double murder.

Mrs. Hall, accompanied by her lawyer, Timothy N. Fife, and her co-defendant, Miss Sallie Peters, entered the courthouse dressed in black.

Miss Peters said Mrs. Hall would demand a hearing. Mrs. Jane Gibson, "pig raiser," hailed by the state as its star witness, and Mrs. Hall did not meet. The "pig raiser" was taken directly to the prosecutor's private office.

Mrs. Hall and her companion sat in the foyer, an isolated group. Mrs. Gibson was called shortly before 11:30 a. m.

EDITOR DOOLITTLE DEAD

Ellsworth, Wis., Nov. 28.—E. F. Doolittle, 40 years publisher and editor of the Pierce County Herald, died today. He came here from Illinois in 1864. He is survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter. The funeral will be held Friday.

Holiday Spirit Dominant Note in Plans of Rock Island Merchants

The merchants of Rock Island today inaugurated an extensive Christmas selling and trade expansion campaign and in this issue of The Argus appears the first of a series of 16 double-page co-operative advertisements of leading Rock Island retail firms which will be published each Tuesday and Thursday until Christmas.

FRANCE MAY SEIZE RUHR COAL MINES

Drastic Action Against Germany Hinges on Payment of War Debt.

Paris, Nov. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—A plan for direct action by France as a solution of the reparations question was submitted today to the full cabinet, meeting in the Elysee Palace, with President Millerand presiding.

The plan provides for seizure of the state coal mines and collection of the export taxes in the Ruhr district, together with absolute control of that section of the Rhine-land now occupied by the French military.

Members of the cabinet, after the meeting, refused to discuss the action taken, but it is generally believed the plan was approved without opposition as it was drawn up yesterday at a meeting in which the foremost military and civil authorities participated, including President Millerand, Premier Poincare, Marshal Foch and the ministers of finance, war and liberated regions.

This program would be applicable only after Jan. 15, for Germany has a moratorium until the end of December, and the first payment would be due in the middle of January.

Germany's failure to meet this payment would, the French believe, automatically give them the right to act.

Premier Poincare's purpose in his appeal to the nation last Sunday to submerge party feelings in "sacred union" in support of the government, now is seen.

This drastic program of action hinges upon the outcome of the Brussels conference, but there is some doubt that that meeting would reach a satisfactory decision on reparations that the French think it wise to prepare for an eventual.

ACCUSE LABOR HEAD OF THEFT

Former Secretary-Treasurer of Iowa Federation Wanted on Charge of Embezzling \$4,000.

Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 28.—Earl C. Willey, former secretary-treasurer of the Iowa State Federation of Labor, whose disappearance last spring in St. Louis caused considerable stir, is being sought here by police on charges of embezzling \$4,000 belonging to the labor organization, it became known today. Willey was indicted by a St. Louis city grand jury two weeks ago.

TWENTY-SIX DROWNED

Barcelona, Spain, Nov. 28.—Twenty-six women and children are believed to have been drowned Sunday when a passenger steamer was rammed by a customs boat.

ARTIST SHORT OF CASH OPENS PHOTO STUDIO

Airs His Opinions of 'Commercial America.'

BY CHAN DAVIS.
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Chicago, Nov. 28.—An artist must be true to art but commercial America will not permit him to be so.

That is the view of no less an authority than Harry Lachman, noted landscape artist. A cavalier of the legion of honor and accepted as one of the greatest artists of modern times, he said today that he plans to abandon painting for a brief period.

The reason is lack of funds he very frankly admits. His photography will be limited to special sittings and he will pose his subjects personally.

"Why," he was asked today when he told of his plans and also of having three of his canvases hung in the Luxembourg, "should a famous painter open a photo studio?"

The tall, serious, black-haired individual, who exactly a year ago stirred all artistic America to its foundations by charging that most American painters produced "mail order stuff," that was "best fitted for a well appointed bathroom," very frankly gave his reasons.

"To follow his desire to improve himself; to reach any heights at all in painting," he said, "an artist must be unhampered in his endeavors. My work for a few months in New York as a photographer will furnish me the meager funds I require for a year of painting in Europe. The public taste here as well as abroad, is quite generally stereotyped. If a painter attempts something different, something out of the ordinary, his work is ignored. Hence he either starves, makes his living another way or paints the 'pot boilers,' which come back like ghosts later to trouble his career."

"I plan something different and intend to finance it myself. This is not a new idea entirely. Every painter, at some time in his career, perhaps by chance, produces a salable picture. That is, he paints something that by virtue of its subject has a wide appeal. Immediately demand for the picture arises. The artist needs ready money and he does so. Very soon he gets a reputation as a painter of 'waves,' or 'sows,' or 'sheep' or something of the sort. The public will not buy any other subject by him. He becomes an 'automaton' and his artistic progress is arrested. This, too, is in the face of the fact that in most cases the work he has been producing is far from being of the best he can do along different lines. He knows this full well and he tries the other things but—the pictures will not sell."

Corot, when a struggling youth, painted a picture in silver gray tones. It was immensely popular and for 25 years the studios demanded that he paint silver gray. Finally he rebelled and painted what we now know as his 'Italian Period' productions. These today are in great demand from collectors while the earlier works are not salable.

"Claude Monet, the blind master of France, 25 years ago while almost starving, painted a picture in which was a haystack. It sold and dealers demanded haystacks thereafter. Monet painted 100 of them. There he gave up in disgust. There's an American painter who has produced piles of cord wood for years, another who has done seashores with naked little girls and still a third who for 12 years has done 'desert purples.' These all can produce much better work but the dealers and the buying public won't let them."

"An artist's future demands that he be true to his art. I painted a few Notre Dames through the spring sycamores but when they became popular I stopped. I painted some red roofs and the dealer asked for 100 and I quit again. Yet the paintings which the government purchased made no impression on dealers or wealthy buyers."

Asked what sort of pictures he wanted to paint, he replied in a very serious manner:

"The sort that the general public won't buy."

HUSBAND HUNTS SIX DAY BRIDE

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Stephen Johnson, former restaurant owner of Cleveland, added by police today was searching for his bride of six days. Johnson, police said, told them he proposed to his wife at their first meeting. Johnson exhibited a note found in his apartment, inscribed: "Goodbye, Dear, I am going away," and signed by his wife. Johnson said jewelry valued at \$200 and \$250 had disappeared.

TIERNAN'S AFFAIRS IN BIG TANGLE

Will Professor Rewed His First Wife or Live With Bride of a Day?

South Bend, Ind., Nov. 28.—With the threads of the domestic affairs of Professor and Mrs. John P. Tiernan becoming more tangled by many new developments since the start of the Tiernan-Poulin paternity case, the next move of the principals toward a restoration of harmony in the household was being watched with interest today.

Despite the fact that Professor Tiernan announced last night that the reconciliation with his first wife was moving along satisfactorily, a dispatch from Marshalltown, Iowa, quoted Mrs. Blanche Brimmer-Tiernan, the professor's "bride of a day," as saying she was the latter's wife and was going to live with him. She said she expected Tiernan to arrive at the Iowa city Wednesday.

Whether the professor will carry out his announced intention of dismissing the divorce petition against the first Mrs. Tiernan and have the appeal of the paternity case against Harry Poulin dismissed, or whether he will take action to have his marriage to the second Mrs. Tiernan pronounced legal, are steps to be determined.

Second Wedding Legal

Hansell, Iowa, Nov. 28.—Mrs. Charles H. Hawn, mother of Mrs. Blanche Hawn-Rash-Brimmer, back here today from Marshalltown, Iowa, where the two spent yesterday investigating the marital status of Mrs. Brimmer, announced that her daughter legally was entitled to wed Professor John P. Tiernan in their Crown Point, Ind., ceremony last Saturday.

It is "Mrs. Blanche Tiernan" definitely, said Mrs. Hawn, and Professor Tiernan and Mrs. Augusta Tiernan must settle their legal status in Indiana.

"My daughter never intended to marry Tiernan when she went to Chicago last Thursday night," the mother said. "Tiernan wired her to come to Chicago that day, and she went. They had expected to be married at Christmas time, but Tiernan, I believe, got excited and the hasty marriage at Crown Point was the result."

"My daughter never has been a very calm thinker, acting frequently on the impulse of the moment, and this, together with Tiernan's insistence, no doubt easily won her over."

"She did nothing wrong. She is the only legal wife of Tiernan, as the court records in Marshalltown have cleared her divorce record, which Mr. Tiernan seems to worry about."

The daughter's main idea now is to prove to the world that she is the legal wife of Professor Tiernan, Mrs. Hawn said. Looking toward that end, two motion picture offers have been refused, she said. She may write books, Mrs. Hawn said, for she "has such a fund of imagination that it is easy for her to produce a great number of hand-written pages in a short time."

The daughter plans to spend several days at the home of her first husband, Floyd Rash, in Marshalltown. His parents live there, and her 4-year-old son Kenneth is with them.

UPHOLD CABINET

Paris, Nov. 28.—The reparations commission received formal notification from the new German government of its intentions to uphold the reparations policy of the Wirth cabinet.

What About the Constitution?

On Page 7 of this issue of The Argus will be found the first of a series of four articles by Chief Justice Floyd E. Thompson of the Illinois supreme court on the proposed new constitution for Illinois. The articles are strictly informative in character and deal chiefly with the principal changes in the new document over the old constitution of 1870.

Read Justice Thompson's articles and be prepared to vote intelligently on the constitution proposition at the election Dec. 12.

AUTOMOBILE IS REMOVED FROM CITY'S GARAGE AND SHIPPED TO NEW MEXICO

Additional grand jury indictments found against John Looney, Thomas Cox and Louis Ortell, Cox, while chief of police, alleged to have allowed Looney to remove automobile from city garage. Car believed to have been shipped to New Mexico. Ortell charged with having collected from Jennie Mills on confidence game.

Indicted Today

Confidence game—Louis Ortell. Larceny as bailee—Thomas Cox and John Looney. Perjury—Burt Duprez.

Three true bills were returned to court in the third partial report of the Rock Island county grand jury which reconvened this morning after a two-day recess. The indictment of Bert Duprez, also known as Burt Duprez, for perjury, added another name to the list of persons implicated in the investigation of Rock Island's underworld.

None of the four named in true bills has been arraigned, but Cox and Ortell are already under bond; Looney is a fugitive from federal and state indictments, and Duprez, it is expected, will be arrested before evening. He was in county court yesterday to pay a \$500 fine for having liquor in his possession for sale. His indictment connected up with the county court case for the perjury charge was based upon testimony given before the grand jurors Friday, almost simultaneously with Duprez' appearance in the county court on the liquor charge. While a county court jury was hearing evidence upon which it considered relevant to the inquiry now in progress, it showed that determination by returning an indictment charging perjury against a witness summoned before it.

R. C. Grosse, federal prohibition investigator; Oscar Graney and Thomas Babb were witnesses named in the Duprez indictment. The true bill alleged that in June, 1922, Duprez "kept a place for sale of whiskey and other intoxicating liquors before the grand jury last Friday, when it became 'material to the case'."

TEACHER LOSES LIFE IN FLAME

Coroner Investigating Death of Woman in Garage in Rear Home in Belleville.

Belleville, Ill., Nov. 28.—Miss Marie Herbt, 31, a school teacher, was burned to death today in a garage in the rear of her home. The local fire department salvaged an automobile, but did not know the woman was in the garage until the fire was extinguished.

Cause of the fire has not been determined. Relatives said Miss Herbt had been in failing health.

SIX INJURED

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Six persons were injured by naphtha tank explosion in the Julius C. Birck, Inc., dyeing and cleaning establishment today.

CHICAGO WEST SIDERS CATCH FISH AT HOME

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Fish, varying from minnows to small perch, that have clogged water supply pipes in residences and business buildings on the west side since last Sunday, today were being caught by plumbers, sent out by the department of public works to unblock the drains. Decayed scum was taken and the debris permitted the fish to be drawn into the pipes.

FIRE DESTROYS ODELL STORES

Pontiac, Ill., Nov. 28.—The second fire of undetermined origin in the business district of Odell within 10 days caused a loss of \$10,000 early today. Oersplager's department store, T. Shaghtnessy's soft drink parlor, Bannister's notion store, and the station of the Bloomington, Pontiac & Joliet Electric railway, were virtually destroyed. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

Three business establishments were burned 10 days ago.